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EDITORIAL

An oft-repeated argument against the reality of a UFO cover-up has been that if such a cover-up was the case, then every American president since the late 1940s has managed to "keep the lid on", despite sharply different political beliefs and attitudes. In other words, it would be impossible to expect that all of these presidents would or could withhold the truth from the American people for so long.

Is this a strong argument against a cover-up? We think not. Is it logical to think that as soon as an unknown aerial vehicle crashes on Earth, the president will go on the air with an announcement, giving full details of the incident? More likely the incident will be given the highest level of security until it is well-understood. If such technology is far beyond our own, it could be a very long time before it is well-understood and, therefore, safe to discuss in public. Possible technological applications, to our own military hardware, of knowledge gained from a crashed-disc event would assure extraordinary secrecy.

Rumors have circulated concerning the existence of "presidential briefing papers" on the UFO phenomenon but we cannot confirm this. For the sake of this argument, let's assume that we haven't heard these rumors.

If a crashed-disc incident occurred in the past, based on provisions of "Project Moon Dust" (see Just Cause, June 1986), Air Force Intelligence would hold sway over the information, along with whomever they chose to work with them. Assuming that the research on the object goes adequately, particularly over a long period of time, why go outside the "system" with your story? Or even, why bother the president? Does he have a "need to know" about this research?

In fact, the president is a man who serves a 4-year term (minimum) and can be voted back into private life, while the military guardians of our nation's secrets are in for a career, 20-30 years and more. He is a man who is constantly in the public eye and is interviewed by the press incessantly, when the least little slip can serve as a carrot to a story-hungry media. It may seem strange to say this but the president may be regarded by some military leaders as someone they cannot trust with certain information! He is too open to the public. Think of the frequent slips and misstatements President Reagan has made during his term.

Is the president briefed on every aspect of government operations in his term of office? Extremely unlikely. It is more probable that he

is told what he needs to know to function as president, while others handle the detailed, complicated machinery of everyday government. The president is not an omnipotent being. He can only handle so much in his schedule. President Reagan recently admitted ignorance of his underlings' activities in the Iran/Nicaragua arms scandal, despite the operation having gone on for nearly a year! Now he is either lying about his knowledge or was not regarded as having a "need to know" by his subordinates. One way or another, we can see how UFO information could be known to and not discussed by the president, or it would not be relayed to him at all. Those who are in control of handling this type of information would, in their position of power, deal with a UFO situation in their own way, with as little leakage as possible. This is a fact of military and political life.

The skeptics' "presidents" argument against UFOs is an oversimplification of a much more complex issue; the issue of what the president really knows about all aspects of government activities.

ATTENTION EXCHANGE JOURNALS

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NSA COURT DOCUMENTS RELEASED

A correspondent for CAUS has researched and obtained about 100 pages of court records from the National Security Agency in the case of CAUS vs NSA. These records cover the years 1979-81.

While the records do not contain any of the previously withheld UFO files we had sought, they do provide us with insight into the machinations of the NSA's lawyers in arguing their case. What is obvious is that the NSA's UFO files are going to be kept top secret for a long time, given the present climate of secrecy being applied to many classes of government information previously open to the people. Their arguments against release of the files are still objectionable to us since UFOs have already been declared to be no threat to national security in several earlier government-funded projects.

UFO skeptics have said that the withheld records contain secret information about NSA personnel, as well as locations and frequencies of NSA listening posts. We had asked for release of the records, minus this type of data as we respect the need for such security. The physical description of a UFO sighting could hardly be called "security information" if locations and dates are deleted. Yet, the NSA refused all access, even with our own imposed restrictions on the request. We can only conclude that the UFO sighting information itself is of national security concern.

Current public apathy about UFOs aside, the NSA has guaranteed that the UFO mystery will continue to be an issue for as long as any secret files exist.

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK OUR READERS AND SUPPORTERS FOR THEIR HELP THIS PAST YEAR AND LOOK FORWARD TO ANOTHER PRODUCTIVE YEAR AHEAD. YOU MAY NOT HEAR MUCH ABOUT UFOS IN THE NEWS MEDIA BUT REST ASSURED THAT THE PHENOMENON IS STILL WITH US AND STILL CRIES FOR MORE ATTENTION.

By WGLewis NARA, Date 8/13/86.134-14 - 97th Ave.
Richmond Hill, New York

July 6, 1947

War Department
Attn: Army Air Forces
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

After reading an article about the flying discs which appeared in the paper recently, I decided to write this letter.

My first acquaintance with it was during the war when I served as a gunner on a B24 in the Fifteenth Air Force. In the latter part of the year 1944, coming from a mission over Europe this matter was seen by several of our crew members. This was reported after the mission to the S2, during interrogation and written in the report.

This was a bit out of the ordinary at the time to believe, and many arguments arose as to the fact that it could be a wing tank jet honed from a fighter escort, however the men said it was not of this nature.

Later possibilities arose that it was "chaff" being dispersed from the aircraft. The answer was given that this object so called a disc was from 15 to 20 feet in diameter and of silvery substance as given in the report by Sgt. Bantkitt and S/Sgt. Diurockey.

Should these records still be available this matter could be confirmed. It was the 55th wing 465th Bomb Grp and 783 Sqd under the name of Lt Harold - Thornersnew.

I was on Lt Thornersnew's crew until he was killed on Jan 20, 1945 with those who witnessed the so called flying disc, and I as one of the three original crew members left.

As I have previously mentioned, this matter could be confirmed in those S2 reports. The exact date is not known, however one of the following dates is the time when the disc was seen:

10-12-44	11-6-44	12-18-44	
10-13-44	11-18-44	12-20-44	
10-16-44	11-20-44	12-27-44	
10-20-44	12-6-44	12-28-44	Sincerely yours,
11-1-44	12-11-44		
11-4-44	12-15-44	/s/	Casimir Hisea

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By WGLewis NARA, Date 3/13/86.

*Note - See also
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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

PROBLEM:

1. To reply to AMC TWX concerning flaming aerial object that crashed in Mexico.

FACTS & DISCUSSION:

2. AMC by TWX (TSHLI-10-2) 14 Oct requested all available info regarding unidentified flaming object reported to have crashed into the Samalayuca Mountains of Mexico on 12 Oct.

3. Information available was forwarded to AMC by letter dated 20 Oct. This info consisted of preliminary cable report from CG 4th Army - Report stated that this was a minor and unusual incident not of national interest.

4. AMC by TWX TSNAD-10-3 requested follow-up on flaming object that crashed in Mexico or approval for AMC to accomplish immediate investigation.

5. Since investigation is being conducted by CG Fourth Army and the Mexican Garrison of Juarez is still searching suspected area, it is not believed advisable for AMC to conduct an investigation at the present time.

6. All intelligence sources concerned with this type of incident have been contacted and will furnish this office info as received.

ACTION:

7. Attached message to AMC advising that info as available will be forwarded to that Command.

COORDINATION:

8. None.

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